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Generator")	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116(b)(2)

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 31, 2007, please receive Applicant's after-final amendment which is submitted in order to comply with issues of form expressly set forth in the Office Action.

Respectfully,



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Section I:
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121 to the
CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A method for generating a reference note in an electronic document when directly quoting information from another electronic document, comprising the steps of:
 - receiving a first user-selected insertion point or replacement area from a first user interface to a destination electronic document;
 - subsequent to receiving said first insertion point, providing a source user interface to a user-selected source electronic document;
 - subsequent to providing said source user interface, receiving a user selection of text content to be transferred from said source user interface to said first insertion point or replacement area;
 - subsequent to receiving said user selection of content, automatically copying said selected content to a transfer buffer without requiring said user to return to said first user interface;
 - automatically capturing and recording one or more source reference data items corresponding to said selected content simultaneously with or subsequent to said automatic copying; and
 - automatically generating in said destination electronic document at least one reference note selected from the group of a footnote, an endnote, a table of references entry, and a bibliographical entry containing said recorded source reference data items.
2. (original) The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a source identifier selected from the group of a file name, a path name, a folder name, a server name, a Uniform Resource Locator, and a network address.

3. (original) The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a system time, a system date, or both a system time and date.
4. (original) The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing an author identifier for said source information.
5. (original) The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a user identifier.
6. (original) The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a publication date for said source information.
7. (cancelled).

8. (currently amended) An ~~encoded computer readable medium~~ article of manufacture for enabling a computer to automatically generate a reference note in an electronic document when directly quoting information from another electronic document [[, said]] comprising:
- a computer readable medium suitable for encoding a computer program; and
 - one or more computer programs encoded on said medium and configured to cause a computer to perform the steps of:
 - (a) receiving a first user-selected insertion point or replacement area from a first user interface to a destination electronic document;
 - (b) subsequent to receiving said first insertion point, providing a source user interface to a user-selected source electronic document;
 - (c) subsequent to providing said source user interface, receiving a user selection of text content to be transferred from said source user interface to said first insertion point or replacement area;
 - (d) subsequent to receiving said user selection of content, automatically copying said selected content to a transfer buffer without requiring said user to return to said first user interface;
 - (e) automatically capturing and recording one or more source reference data items corresponding to said selected content simultaneously with or subsequent to said automatic copying; and
 - (f) automatically generating in said destination electronic document at least one reference note selected from the group of a footnote, an endnote, a table of references entry, and a bibliographical entry containing said recorded source reference data items.

9. (currently amended) The ~~computer readable medium~~ article as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said ~~software~~ computer program for recording one or more source reference data items comprises software for capturing a source identifier selected from the group of a file name, a path name, a folder name, a server name, a Uniform Resource Locator, and a network address.
10. (currently amended) The ~~computer readable medium~~ article as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said ~~software~~ computer program for recording one or more source reference data items comprises software for capturing a system time, a system date, or both a system time and date.
11. (currently amended) The ~~computer readable medium~~ article as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said ~~software~~ computer program for recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing an author identifier for said source information.
12. (currently amended) The ~~computer readable medium~~ article as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said ~~software~~ computer program for recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a user identifier.
13. (currently amended) The ~~computer readable medium~~ article as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said ~~software~~ computer program for recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a publication date for said source information.
14. (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) A system for generating a reference note in an electronic document when directly quoting information from another electronic document, said system comprising:
- a user-selected first insertion point or replacement area designation received from a first user interface to a destination electronic document;
 - a source user interface displayed subsequent to display of said first user interface, said second user interface being configured to allow a user to manipulate a source electronic document;
 - an amount of user-selected text content selected in said source electronic document via said second user interface to be quoted from said source user interface to said first insertion point or replacement area;
 - an automatic information content copier configured to, subsequent to selection of said text content in said second user interface, copy said selected content to a transfer buffer;
 - a source reference data item recorder configured to capture one or more source reference data items corresponding to said selected content simultaneously with or subsequent to operation of said content copier; and
 - a reference note generator configured to generate in said destination electronic document one or more human-readable reference notes containing said recorded source reference data items, said reference note being selected from the group of a footnote, an endnote, a table of references entry, and a bibliographical entry.
16. (original) The system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said reference data item recorder is configured to capture a source identifier selected from the group of a file name, a path name, a folder name, a server name, a Uniform Resource Locator, and a network address.
17. (original) The system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said is further configured to capture a system time, a system date, or both a system time and date.
18. (original) The system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said reference data item recorder is further configured to capture an author identifier for said source information.

19. (original) The system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said reference data item recorder is further configured to capture a user identifier.
20. (original) The system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said is further configured to capture a publication date for said source information.
21. (cancelled).

Section II:
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121 to the
SPECIFICATION

None.

Section III:
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121 to the
DRAWINGS

No amendments or changes to the Drawings are proposed.

Section IV:
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121
REMARKS

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, objections to Claims 8 - 13 were made for claim 8 reciting "a computer readable medium" in the preamble and the body of the claim, for a typographical error "said comprising", and for Claims 9 - 13 depending from Claim 8.

The amendment set forth herein corrects the preamble of Claim 8 to recite "An article of manufacture . . ." instead of a computer readable medium, and corrects the typographical error. Claims 9 - 13 are also amendment to refer to the article set forth in Claim 8. Further, consistency between Claim 8's recited "computer program" and the dependent claim's references to "said software" has been improved.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 8 - 13.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, it was noted that Claims 1 - 6, 9 - 13 and 15 - 20 were allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 1 - 6, 9 - 13, and 15 - 20.

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